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I am just a citizen who uses computers at home and at work. I have read about the proposed settlement and have the following comments:

1. Microsoft clearly has monopoly power and they use that power to limit choices in operating systems and applications. As a result, consumers have limited choices that are expensive (try paying \$500 for a copy of Microsoft Office software--a fantastic price that is sustained only by monopoly market power).
2. Microsoft is wildly profitable because they have used monopoly power to extract an unreasonable price for their products
3. The solution is NOT to allow microsoft to settle the case by printing monopoly money (ie give "free software" to schools that costs them \$.50 a copy but credits them \$500 --the monopoly price) AND extend their monopoly into the last area of the market they do not already control (education).

Microsoft is the Standard Oil of our time.